

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday April 28, 2022, 10:00 am

Meeting Held in Person and Via Zoom

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chair, Dr. William Rose (via Zoom), Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden brought the meeting to order at 10:03 am. He introduced those present and stated the meeting was being recorded to Zoom. Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 7, 2022 with minor corrections. Vote taken: 3-0.
- 2) **COVID-19**
 - Current infection data:
 - 7-day positive average: 1727 (up from 921 previous meeting)
 - 14-day percentage positivity
 - Statewide: 3.72%
 - Berkshire County: 3.89%
 - Actual cases are believed to be higher as more people are home testing.
 - Chairman Ogden appeared before the Select Board at their 4/26 meeting to discuss the draft Municipal COVID Mitigation Plan for protocols for town buildings. The SB had minor changes and were in favor. Chairman Ogden will return to next Select Board meeting to request their voting on it to implement as policy.
 - The board discussed safety procedures for Town Meeting on May 10th. Chairman Ogden will request in an email to the Select Board that the doors and windows be open to circulate the air. Masks will be available to all at check-in.
 - Director Haas will issue a BOH community communication stating Berkshire County is in the CDC yellow risk zone and remind people to follow CDC recommendations.
- 3) **Avian Flu Education and Outreach** As a result of high bird flu in poultry in parts of the country, Director Haas introduced a possible community communication which speaks to owners of backyard poultry and would include a CDC fact sheet on what bird flu looks like in poultry, procedures to take if a flock is infected and resources to contact in the event of bird kill. The board would like to postpone this topic until the next meeting.
- 4) **State Mosquito Opt Out** While the board is in favor of mosquito spraying in the event of public health hazards and outbreaks of mosquito borne diseases, the board agreed to not opt out of the state mosquito spraying registration program.
- 5) **Recent Field Work**
 - Title 5/93 Hillsdale Road (2 systems)/Alliance/conditional pass – dbx replacement
 - Title 5/173 Hillsdale Road/Alliance/pass
 - Title 5/10 Westerhook/Alliance/failed
 - Title 5/44 Boice Road/Alliance/conditional pass/dbx replacement
 - Title 5/50 Jug End Road/Alliance/conditional pass/dbx replacement
 - Title 5/26 Sheffield Road/Alliance/pass
 - Septic installation inspection/Terra Ferma Drive/Juliette
 - Septic installation inspection/12 Prospect Lake Rd/Juliette
- 6) Motion made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am. The May meeting schedule will be May 12th and 26th.